

Ruggles House
Columbia Falls, Maine

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"RUGGLES HOUSE"

Columbia Falls, Washington County, Maine

Owners

Ruggles Historical Society

Date of Erection

1818-19

Builder

Aaron Sherman, Carpenter-Architect

Present Condition

Chimneys which were located near the ends of the house have been removed and fireplaces boarded up.

Description

A two story rectangular frame house with a low sloping hip roof. The house is set on a low granite foundation. There is a central front entrance and a Palladian window on the second floor. Unusual portico. The front entrance has double top lights and side lights around the original door. Over the windows in the front face of the house there are hand carved festoons. The cornice shows fine detail.

The interior of the house is particularly interesting because of its wonderful carvings. The carving in the parlor is said to have cost three thousand dollars and to have been done with a pen knife.

The wainscot around the parlor is delicately panelled and the cap has interesting design. Mouldings and mantel are decorated with carved motifs and inlaid designs in natural wood. The cornice in the parlor is rather heavy. Doors are finely panelled, door casings are decorated with fluting. The staircase shows good design.

The house is outstanding because of its craftsmanship rather than for its beauty of design.

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Other Existing Records

"Sprague's Journal of Maine History", Vol. 10-page 138.
"The House That Tutt Built", by Arthur Train, Saturday
Evening Post, February 7, 1931.
"A Survey of Existing Colonial Architecture in Maine",
by Frederick Hutchinson Porter, (showing some measured
details of the Ruggles House).

Eleanor E. Jannell

Approved:

Frederick J. Taylor

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Addendum to
Judge Thomas Ruggles House
North side of principal road (former U.S. Route 1)
0.1 miles SW of Pleasant River Bridge, facing
intersection of unnumbered road to Addison
Columbia Falls
Washington County
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JUDGE THOMAS RUGGLES HOUSE
Pleasant River Bridge Vicinity
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